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SUBJECT: SINO-INDIAN BORDER CLASH

REF: NEW DELHI 14525

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM CONGEN CALCUTTA:  
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E.O. 11652: XGDS-4

TAGS: PFOR, MPOL, CH, IN  
SUBJ: SINO-INDIAN BORDER CLASH

1. AN INDIAN ARMY OFFICER ASSIGNED TO EASTERN COMMAND HEAD-QUARTERS CALCUTTA WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR NORTHEAST TELLS US THAT LOCUS OF CLASH BETWEEN INDIAN PATROL AND CHINESE TROOPS WAS DEFINITELY "INSIDE SIKKIM." OFFICER SAID ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THE DELAY IN MAKING THIS INCIDENT PUBLIC WAS THAT COMMAND WANTED TO VERIFY LOCATION AND ALL DETAILS. OFFICER SAID THERE HAVE BEEN NO FURTHER INCIDENTS SINCE THE ONE ANNOUNCED BY THE GOI (HE DID NOT GIVE THE DATE OF THIS INCIDENT) AND INDIAN ARMY IS NOT RPT NOT PLANNING ANY COUNTER ACTION. INDIANS, HE SAID, ARE ANXIOUS THAT THERE BE NO FURTHER TROUBLE ON THE BORDER. THEY ARE VERY MUCH AWARE OF THEIR INFERIORITY TO THE CHINESE IN AIR POWER AND DO NOT WANT TO TANGLE WITH THE CHINESE.

2. OFFICER CONFIRMED THAT INDIAN PATROL WAS AMBUSHED BY CHINESE. HE SAID HE THOUGHT GOI MIGHT NOT HAVE MADE THIS INCIDENT PUBLIC AT ALL IF THE CHINESE HAD DEPT QUIET ABOUT IT, BUT AS HE UNDERSTOOD IT THE CHINESE EITHER HAD LET THE NEWS OUT OR WERE PREPARING TO DO SO.

3. WE UNDERSTAND GENERAL JACOB WILL BE OUT OF CALCUTTA THIS WEEK IN CONNECTION WITH VISIT MRS. GANDHI IS MAKING TO DARJEELING WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED BY CALCUTTA PRESS SEVERAL DAYS BACK.

4. IN PASSING ON INFORMATION PARA ONE ABOVE OUR INDIAN ARMY OFFICER CONTACT POINTED OUT THAT HE WAS BREAKING SECURITY. TO PROTECT HIM AND ENABLE US TO MAINTAIN THE CONTACT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THERE BE NO MENTION OF CONGEN'S HAVING HAD THIS INFORMATION FROM A SOURCE IN THE EASTERN COMMAND.

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2. AP CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI TELLS EMBASSY HE WAS TOLD BY INDIAN CORRESPONDENT THAT INDIAN CORRESPONDENTS HAD BEEN INFORMED INCIDENT TOOK PLACE IN TOWANG SECTOR OF NEFA BUT WERE INSTRUCTED NOT TO PRINT THIS INFORMATION. CALCUTTA MESSAGE ABOVE WOULD APPEAR MORE RELIABLE SOURCE BUT EMBASSY AND DAO  
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WILL CONTINUE SEEK FURTHER CONFIRMATION AND INFO ON INCIDENT. INDIAN PRESS HAS NOT FOCUSED ON FACT THAT OCTOBER 20 WAS 13TH ANNIVERSARY OF 1962 FIGHTING ALONG NORTHERN FRONTIER. WE ASSUME THIS IS INTENTIONAL RATHER THAN OVERSIGHT.  
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